



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Edward Hines, Jr. Hospital
Hines IL 60141-5000

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the practicum training program at Hines VA Hospital.

This is an 11 month practicum starting in early July and concluding at the end of May.

Our Practicum program complements our APA-approved Internship Program to offer excellent training for students at both levels of education and experience. We offer three primary rotations: 1) Neuropsychology and Clinical Neuroscience 2) Psychiatry, and 3) Rehabilitation. The first two rotations involve only assessment, whereas the third offers primarily assessment but also some exposure to psychotherapy. More detailed information about each of the practicum rotations is described in the Practicum Program brochure.

The completed application packages (application, letters, transcripts, vita, and writing sample) from applicants are being accepted any time on or after January 17, 2006. However, the completed application package must be received on or before March 1, 2006. Please keep in mind that early applications will have an advantage, since these applicants will have an opportunity to interview earlier. We plan to begin interviewing as early as February 27th, 2006. Please note that the VA requires applicants to be from an APA-approved program.

After review of your application materials, you may be contacted for an interview. We will potentially have three weeks available for interviews: the weeks beginning Feb. 27, March 6th, and finally, the week of March 13th if needed.

Sincerely,

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